



PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO...

Ideas for Family Entertainment!

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THRU DECEMBER 8

A Christmas Carol Dickens' classic tale is presented as a play within this play, adapted by Doris Baizley and directed by Karen Cross. Tickets \$25 adults, \$15 under 18. A sensory-friendly performance is offered Dec 1, 1pm-4pm; Dec. 2 performance 2:00pm; all others 7:30pm. 148 E 8th St TC 231-947-2210 www.oldtownplayhouse.com

NOVEMBER 30 thru DECEMBER 2

Walking in a Window Wonderland Explore participating business windows & judge your favorite. Find all the Holiday Gnomes in the windows & enter to win a \$250 Downtown Gift Certificate. Downtown TC www.downtowntc.com

DECEMBER 1

Recycled Book Ornaments Leelanau Township Library is holding a drop-in event 1-4pm where attendees can make recycled ornaments from old books. 119 E Nagonaba St Northport 231-386-5131 www.leelanautownshiplibrary.org

Christmas at the Grand Traverse Lighthouse Guided tours of keeper's quarters every 15 minutes. Volunteers in period costume, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, treats, crafts, and more. Visit their Facebook page for more info.

Elk Rapids Holiday Open House Downtown holiday area is all decked out. Tree lighting; Santa; carriage, wagon, & sleigh rides, singing, more. 231-264-8202 elkrapidschamber.org

Leland Merry Marketplace 18 local artisans plus complimentary cookies & coffee. 10am-4pm 111 S. Main Street Leland 231-256-2131 www.olderbuilding.com

Holiday Puzzle and Game Sale Large variety of gently used puzzles, games, children's books available at low prices. Proceeds benefit programs at Leland Township Library. 10am-3pm 203 Cedar St E, Leland www.lelandlibrary.org Contact Sue Dennis 616-460-8092

18th Annual Holiday Home Tour, Cadillac Four area homes open to the public 10am-3pm. Enjoy sights, sounds, smells, tastes of the season. Maps are on the tickets \$15.00 advance, \$20.00 day of tour available at Brinks Art and Framing 112 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac 231-510-9047 or online at mynorthticks.com.

DECEMBER 1-2

Suttons Bay Holiday in the Village Weekend Decorate the library, watch a family movie, stroll down luminaria-lined streets and join in the caroling. All this and more Sat & Sun in downtown Suttons Bay. www.suttonsbayarea.com

DECEMBER 2

St Nicholas Visits St Mary-Hannah Visit St Nicholas at the annual pancake breakfast. Open to the public and children from the community. Food served 9:30-1pm, St Nick will be there from 10am. 2912 W. M-113 Kingsley 231-263-5288.

40th Annual Community Messiah Sing Central United Methodist Church invites the community to attend or participate in the annual concert. Rehearsal at 2:45 (vocal scores may be checked out), concert starts at 4. 222 N Cass St TC 231-946-5191 www.tccentralumc.org/christmas

Downtown TC Cocoa Crawl Spend the day sipping hot cocoa at various locations in downtown TC. Participants will vote for their favorite. Fun for the whole family. 11am-2pm.

DECEMBER 5

The New Tax Law, Learn All About It! Presented at Leland Township Library as part of Front Street Money Foundation's Money Series. 1:30pm 203 Cedar St E, Leland 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

DECEMBER 7

6th Annual Interlochen Children's Christmas Party Tree lighting at 5pm at Tom's parking lot, then follow Santa to the party. Visit with Santa, music & caroling, holiday story & crafts. Complimentary refreshments. Interlochen Public Library 9411 10th St 231-276-6767 www.tadl.org/interlochen

DECEMBER 8

The Nutcracker Northwest Michigan Ballet Theatre presents Tchaikovsky's timeless tale of a young girl's holiday dreams. 7-9pm 9222 Homestead Rd Benzonia 231-929-2787 ballet-etc.com

Christmas Magic in Downtown Beulah Cookie sale & free family activities at the Beulah Trailhead, holiday party at the library, Santa, Christmas Magic Lighted Parade, storefront decorating contest, more. Visit clcba.org for more details.

DECEMBER 9

Northport Christmas Concert Fill your heart with the spirit of Christmas with familiar songs of the season and a final sing-along. 2pm NCAC at Northport Public School 104 S Wing St 231-386-5001 www.northportcac.org

An Impossible Claus The Leelanau Players present a fun play by Nikki Harmon about an inquisitive little girl, Santa, and vaudeville. An Impossible Claus will be followed by another short comedy, The Numbers Game. 2pm Munnecke Room at Leland Township Library 203 E. Cedar Street Leland 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

DECEMBER 10-21

Interlochen Holiday Mitten Tree Donate new mitten, scarves, hats to keep little hands, necks, & heads warm this winter in the Interlochen area. Interlochen Public Library 9411 10th St 231-276-6767 www.tadl.org/interlochen

DECEMBER 10 thru JANUARY 7

Holiday Book Sale Gift-quality, good as new books for sale during regular hours at Interlochen Public Library. Proceeds benefit Library programs. 9411 10th St 231-276-6767 www.tadl.org/interlochen

DECEMBER 12

Family Movie Night Teens and Tweens (10-19 y.o.) and their families are invited to Interlochen Public Library for Family Movie Night featuring Elf. Sponsored by the Friends of IPL and Interlochen Public Library. 5pm-7pm 9411 10th St 231-276-6767 www.tadl.org/interlochen

DECEMBER 13

Arts for All Holiday Open House 3-5pm ACCESS program for individuals with disabilities & their families & peers: create wreaths and cards. 5-8pm open house for the public. RSVP grace@artsforallmi.org 1137 Windermere Ave Suite 2A TC 231-947-1278 www.artsforallmi.org

DECEMBER 14

Sounds of the Season Interlochen Arts Academy Band & Choir present their annual holiday show: music, seasonal trivia, a sing-along of popular carols, more. Webcast live on live.interlochen.org. 7pm Corson Auditorium 4000 Hwy M-137 231-276-7200 www.interlochen.org

DECEMBER 14-15

The Bells of St Mary's Readers' theatre presented by the Glen Arbor Players. Admission is free; donations welcome. 7:30pm Glen Lake Community Church 4902 Macfarlane Rd Glen Arbor. See their Facebook page for details.

DECEMBER 15

Make A Gift Series Learn the basics of felted wool miniatures and make a felted wool cookie cutter ornament at Interlochen Public Library. Free class for adults; materials provided. 10am-noon. To sign up, call the IPL at 231-276-6767. 9411 10th St www.tadl.org/interlochen

Christmas in Kingsley Santa visits The Rock of Kingsley, chili cook-off in Village of Kingsley office 6-8pm. Lights of Love ceremony in Memorial Park 8:30pm includes a reflective service & performance by Kingsley High School Choral Fusion.

Winter Sounds at Michigan Legacy Art Park Outdoor holiday performance from Benzie Central Chamber Choir, warm beverages, bonfire, lamp-lit winter hike. \$10 donation benefits Michigan Legacy Art Park & Benzie Central choral program. 5pm 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr Thompsonville 231-378-4963 www.michiganlegacyartpark.org

Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold It's "CSI: Bethlehem" in this holiday mystery extravaganza, a hilarious holiday production retelling the story of the nativity as only Sister can. 8pm City Opera House 106 E. Front St TC 231-941-8082 www.cityoperahouse.org

DECEMBER 15, 16

Home for the Holidays Concert The NMC Children's Choir & Traverse Symphony Orchestra present their annual holiday concert. Saturday 7:30, Sunday 3:00. Lars Hockstad Auditorium/Central Grade School 301 7th St TC 231-947-7120 traversesympphony.org

DECEMBER 15-31

Festival of Trains Come see the massive O-gauge model train layout, along with HO-, S-, and G-gauge layouts. Crooked Tree Arts Center 322 6th St TC (Historic Carnegie Library) <https://nomirrc.wordpress.com>

DECEMBER 19

NMC Holiday Concert NMC Concert Band presents an evening of holiday music. Tickets \$12 adults, \$7 students/seniors, MyNorthTickets.com & at the door. 7:30pm Milliken Auditorium 1410 College Dr TC. 800-836-0717

DECEMBER 20

We're All in This Together New monthly program of conversation and community for families at Leland Township Library: this month a make-and-take craft item. 5:30-7pm 203 Cedar St E, Leland 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Ball Drop The CherryT giant cherry drop downtown TC at the intersection of Front & Park Streets; suggested donation of \$3 or 3 non-perishable food items goes to support local charities.

JANUARY 2-4

Winter Break Camp Kids 7-12 build snow shelters, track animals along boardwalks, build a campfire, enjoy the view along Grass River—perfect for the child that loves the outdoors in winter. Grass River Natural Area 6500 Alden Hwy Bellaire 231-533-8314 www.grassriver.org

JANUARY 10

New Year's Dance Teens and adults with disabilities celebrate the new year together with peers. Volunteers are always needed. 6:30-8:30pm Arts for All 1137 Windermere Ave Suite 2A TC 231-947-1278 www.artsforallmi.org

JANUARY 11-26

Fun Home Old Town playhouse presents a groundbreaking musical about an author struggling to write her autobiography. The story follows Alison's discovery of her own sexuality, her relationship with her closeted gay father, and her attempts to unlock the mysteries surrounding his life. Sundays 2pm, all other days 7:30pm. 148 E 8th St TC 231-947-2210 www.oldtownplayhouse.com

JANUARY 12

4th Annual Empire Snowmobile Drag Race/Roy Taghon Memorial. Bring the kids to this family friendly event and experience the thrill of drag racing. 10:30am Empire Airport 13264 S Benzonia Trail www.empirechamber.com

Downtown TC Chili Cookoff Area restaurants compete in a variety of categories to see whose chili is best. 11-3pm Park Place Hotel 300 E State St 231-922-2050

JANUARY 19

Frozen Foot Race 5 Mile run/walk and Kids' 1 Mile fun run through paved neighborhoods at the base of the Old Mission Peninsula. Begins/ends near Eastern Elementary 1600 Eastern Ave TC. Sponsored by TC Track Club. 9:30am www.tctrackclub.com

JANUARY 20

Talk About Art Glen Arbor's monthly series features photographer Ken Scott in January. 2-3pm Glen Arbor Arts Center 6031 S. Lake St.

Fat Chance Fat Tire Bike Race held on the Otter Trail Loop at Crystal Mountain. 45- and 90-minute categories 10am 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr Thompsonville 855-995-5146 www.crystallmountain.com

JANUARY 26

YetiFest Suttons Bay's unique winter carnival features yeti story time, scavenger hunt, chili cook-off, yeti look-alike contest, snowman building contest & more. www.suttonsbayarea.com/yetifest

Arts for All Painting Party Art program for individuals with disabilities, their families & peers: experiment with painting and paint wooden letters for the Great Lakes Children's Museum. 11am-12:30pm 1137 Windermere Ave Suite 2A TC 231-947-1278 www.artsforallmi.org

FEBRUARY 1-3 and 8-10

Northport Dinner Theatre Northport Community Arts Center and Tucker's of Northport present Neil Simon's comedy Last of the Red Hot Lovers. \$60/ticket includes meal, non-alcoholic beverage, taxes, and gratuity. Cash bar available. Fri & Sat 5:30; Sun 3:00. 116 S Waukazoo St Northport 231-386-5001 northportcac.org

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Adoption/ Foster Care Meetings Monthly State Adoptions & Foster Care & International Adoption at Bethany Christian Services 1055 Carriage Hill Dr TC 231- 995-0870 www.bethany.org/traverse

American Red Cross of Northwest Michigan Health & Safety Services offer monthly Classes, CPR & more 735 S Garfield Ave Suite B-100 TC 231-947-7286

Artcenter Traverse City Ongoing classes www.mwcart.com

Boardman River Nature Center Nature themed programs. Exhibit gallery, theater room & kids' craft area. Outside: native plant gardens, wetland, hiking trails. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm 1450 Cass Rd TC www.naturecalling.org

Central United Methodist Wonderful Wednesday Night Dinners: family meal and after dinner programs for children, youth, & adults. Downtown TC 231-946-5191 www.tccentralumc.org/children

The Grand Traverse Baby Pantry In Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1050 Peninsula Dr TC Open 2nd & 4th Thurs of month. 10 am-4 pm. Any Grand Traverse County family w/ a 3-year-old & younger eligible to shop 231-941-0655

Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum, gift shop, climb the tower. 15500 Lighthouse Point Rd Northport 231-386-7195 www.grandtraverselighthouse.com

Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Free activities – nature hikes, invasive species management, more. gtrlc.org/events

Grass River Natural Area Family Events Outdoor fun and education. Nature Story Time Fridays 10am each month, many other activities. Field trip destination for homeschool, camp, church group, school. 65000 Alden Hwy Bellaire 231-533-8576 www.grassriver.org

Horizon Books Monday Kids Story Hour. Stories, craft project & some activities. 10am Downtown TC

La Leche League Breastfeeding Support 2nd Tues of month 10:30am in nursery at Central United Methodist Church, TC 231-642-7564 www.LLLI.org

East Bay Branch Library Wiggles- preschoolers, their families & friends. Stories, songs, poetry, finger plays & fun. 10:30am Weds & Fridays last 2 weeks of month. Three Mile Rd

Elk Rapids District Public Library Children's story time: Stories, songs, crafts Weds 10:30am all pre-schoolers welcome erdl@elkrapidsnet.com 231-264-9979

Glen Lake Community Library Stories & More preschool story time-activities, rhymes & songs 11am Thurs in Empire 231-326-5361

Interlochen Public Library Preschool Story Hour-Weds 10am & 1pm. Baby Play Time 1st & 3rd Fri 10am. Chaz the Therapy Dog Weds 4-6pm. Book Discussion Groups: Morning 2nd Thurs/mo 10am, Evening 1st Weds/mo 6:30pm, Senior Tuesdays 12:30pm. 231-276-6767 www.interlochenpubliclibrary.org

Kingsley Library Wiggles: stories, songs, crafts & fun every Weds 10:30am Geared toward preschoolers. 231-263-5484 www.tadl.org/kingsley

Leland Township Library Storytime: stories & play designed to promote joy & growth in literacy. Children ages 0-6 & caregivers welcome. Fridays, 10:30am, starting Sept 7. 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

Leelanau Township Library Wiggles Preschool Storytime 10:30am Thursdays starting August 16. 119 E. Nagonaba St Northport 231-386-5131 www.leelanautownshiplibrary.org

Traverse Area District Library Wiggles' Fun: Wed & Thurs 9:30 or 11 am 610 Woodmere www.tadl.org 932-8503

Lunch at Lobdell's NMC's teaching restaurant is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 11:30 am-1pm thru Dec 11. Reservations suggested: (231) 995-3120. 715 E Front St, TC

Michael's Place "Make a Memory" workshops - 3rd Thurs of month, 4-8pm. Make a scrapbook, memory box, pillow, stuffed animal, quilt or movie in memory of a loved one who died. Bring pictures &/or items of clothing of loved one to use in project, other materials provided. 1055 Carriage Hill Dr. Ste 4 TC 231-947-MIKE

Michigan Legacy Art Park Non-profit 30-acre preserve at Crystal Mountain. 40+ outdoor sculptures celebrating Michigan's culture & history along 1.6 miles of wooded hiking trails. www.michiganlegacyartpark.org

The Dennon Museum Center "Visions of American Life: Paintings from the Manoojian Collection, 1850-1940," "Homage: Inspired by Outstanding Canadian Women," and more thru Jan 20; Dennon Performance Season in Milliken Auditorium thru May 4 2019. 1701 E. Front St TC 231-995-1055 www.dennonmuseum.org

Eyaawing Museum & Cultural Center The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians' museum & cultural center & Odaawe Gamik (museum store) 10am-4pm Wed-Sat donation for entry 231-534-7764 2605 NW Bay Shore Dr Peshawbestown www.gbndians.org/eyaawing.asp

Grand Rapids Public Museum "Expedition: Dinosaur," thru spring 2019; "TOYS!" thru September 2019. 272 Pearl St NW 616-456-3519 www.grmuseum.org

Great Lakes Children's Museum Interactive Story Time Weds 11am story w/ activity or craft, free w/ museum admission. Toddler Time-Fri 10am-12pm Free w/ museum admission. Tues-Sat 10 am-5 pm Sun 1-5 pm 13240 S. West Bayshore Dr 231-932-4526 www.GreatLakesKids.org

Guntzville's Spirit of the Woods Native American artifacts & wildlife museum 11060 US 31 N Elk Rapids 231-264-5597

Silent Movies at Music House Museum Monthly. www.musichouse.org

Northport Area Museum Oct-Apr open by appointment; May-Sept open weekdays 10-2pm, weekends 10-4pm. By the marina in Northport.

Northwestern Michigan College Free campus tours- Welcome Center in Health & Science Building Fridays 11 am 995-1054

Public Viewing Nights Rogers Observatory \$2/person; \$5/ family 9-11pm 1753 Brimley Rd TC 231- 995-2300 www.nmc.edu/rogers

TC Vegans Vegan support group: meets 2nd & 4th Sun of the month, 1-3pm to talk about issues, exchange recipes & share food. Check website for location & confirmation of meetings 231-588-2135 www.tcvegans.org

Third Level Youth Drop-In Center Mon & Thurs 3-6pm, 14-20yr old youth invited to hang out & participate in groups. Safe community space includes art, games, movies, cooking classes, groups & more. Supervised. United Way building 521 S Union St. TC (alley entrance) www.thirdlevel.org

Traverse City Visitor Center 101 W Grandview Parkway, north end of Union S TC 231-947-0692

YMCA YMCA Family Fun Night 2nd Fri of month at YMCA Silver Lake Facility 3700 Silver Lake Rd TC- YMCA members \$5, \$20 per family non-members www.gbayymca.org